

Guam Board of Examiners for Dentistry
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Guam (ChST)
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MINUTES

	Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Time Frame	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Rapadas	Chair	1510	Called to Order	
	A. Roll Call	GBED: <u>HPLO Conference:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Antonio Rapadas, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Yang, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Collette Supit, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Joon Ha, Vice Chair <u>Absent:</u> Autumn Yoo, Member	Others Present <u>HPLO Conference:</u> Jennifer Bruan, HPLO Ralia Mendiola-Gogue, HPLO <u>Virtually Present:</u> Peter John Camacho, DPHSS Breanna Sablan, HPLO Krystal Aldaca Nikki Del Castillo Jay Kim	Chair	1510	Quorum Established
	B. Proof of Publications	Published: 01/14/2025 and 01/17/2025	GBED	1510	Noted	
II	Approval of Agenda	<i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Yang; 2nd: Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	1510	Unanimously Approved	
III	Approval of Minutes	<i>Motion to Approve Minutes, dated 12 / 18 /2024: Dr. Ha; 2nd: Dr. Supit</i>	GBED	1511	Unanimously Approved	
IV	Treasurer's Report	No report	Dr. Supit	1511	No report	
V	HPLO Administrator Report	An update was provided regarding the dental exam scheduled for August 2025, indicating that it would likely need to be postponed to the new fiscal year. The reason for the delay is the significant expense of the exam in February, which cost over \$20,000 and depleted the available funding. As a result, the earliest possible date for the next exam would be October. It was also noted that according to the law, exams are typically scheduled for	HPLO	1512	Noted	

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		February and August, which raises concerns about procurement requirements. If the combined cost exceeds \$25,000, a formal bid process would be required to comply with procurement regulations. The board was reminded of these guidelines, and it was suggested that the number of applicants for the August exam could be limited to manage costs.			
VI	Old Business	A. Initial Application for Review and Approval		1539	
		1. Yang H. Kim – Dentist <i>Motion to Table Awaiting Feedback from OAG: Dr. Yang; 2nd: Dr. Ha.</i>	GBED		Unanimously Tabled
		2. Junghyun Kim – Dentist <i>Motion to Table Awaiting Feedback from OAG: Dr. Yang; 2nd: Dr. Ha.</i>	GBED		Unanimously Tabled
VII	New Business	A. Initial Application for Review and Approval		1514	
		1. Sarah Byrne - Dental Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Supit; 2nd: Dr. Yang.</i>	GBED		Unanimously Approved
		2. Ashley Roseann Cruz - Dental Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Supit; 2nd: Dr. Yang.</i>	GBED		Unanimously Approved
		3. Jo-lee Marie Cruz - Dental Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Supit; 2nd: Dr. Yang.</i>	GBED		Unanimously Approved
		B. Personal Interview The personal interviews began with Dr. Kim, Dr. Aldaca, and Dr. Del Castillo in attendance. The process was outlined by Dr. Rapadas, with an emphasis on getting to know the candidates and preparing them for the upcoming exam. Candidates were instructed to visit Dr. Ha’s Clinic to familiarize themselves with the space and the necessary equipment for the exam, including bringing their own mask, gloves, and handpieces. It was noted that two candidates had not yet taken the jurisprudence exam, which is required prior to the clinical exam. Candidates were informed that the jurisprudence exam is a multiple-choice test based on the dental practice act and regulations, which can be found online. Once they pass this exam, they can proceed with the clinical exam.	GBED		Personal Interview was Completed, All Candidates Were Updated on the Procedures of the Dental Examinations Scheduled for February 18 th and 19 th at 8:00 a.m.

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		<p>The clinical exam process was detailed, starting with the presentation of a crown prep case. Candidates were instructed to select a tooth for the crown prep, ensuring proper occlusal and contact points. The steps included performing a wax-up, taking impressions, and demonstrating the casting process. Afterward, candidates would return the following day with a gold crown to show for cementation. The process was explained thoroughly to ensure all candidates understood the requirements.</p> <p>The candidates were informed about the oral diagnosis case, which will involve multiple factors and require the creation of a diagnosis and treatment plan based on models and x-rays. They were advised to carefully review the patient's health history and propose several treatment plans, outlining step-by-step approaches for the patient's care.</p> <p>For the second day of the exam, candidates were instructed to ensure that their patients were healthy and free of any medical emergencies. It was recommended to choose simple cases, such as a M.O. or D.O. filling, to make the grading process easier. Candidates were reminded to focus on ideal conditions, avoiding overly complicated cases.</p> <p>The operative cases were explained, with candidates first demonstrating the ideal preparation form. If decay was present, they should identify and remove it, then proceed with filling. Both amalgam and composite fillings were to be assessed for correct occlusion and contact points. A similar process was outlined for composite fillings, where candidates were encouraged to select simpler teeth for the procedure.</p> <p>Candidates were also advised to bring a live oral diagnosis case, presenting a patient for examination, including full-mouth x-rays, and to demonstrate their diagnostic and treatment planning process. The candidates were encouraged to show their sequence of actions, check for decay, and outline potential treatments, including referrals if necessary.</p>			

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		<p>The second day would conclude at 3:00 p.m., at which point the board would meet to discuss the candidates' performances. If candidates wished to learn their results, they could attend the board meeting for immediate feedback.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas gave an opportunity to ask any questions they had at that moment. One of the candidates asked for clarification regarding the oral diagnosis patient, specifically whether they were expected to conduct the treatment planning and screening in front of the board with the live patient present. The candidate also inquired about the need to bring in prepped casts and whether probing should be completed beforehand. The response confirmed that both the casts and probing would be required prior to the examination.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas continued discussing with candidates their preparation for the exam and patient selection. It was emphasized that the oral diagnosis case should be multifaceted, involving complex issues like occlusion problems or rampant decay, rather than simple cases. Candidates were encouraged to bring challenging cases that demonstrate a range of dental issues and were reminded to include periodontal workup and probing. There were also discussions regarding patient access, with candidates sharing their current work settings. Additionally, it was confirmed that once candidates pass, they would be able to begin working as dentists immediately.</p> <p>Dr. Yang stressed the importance of rubber dam placement during the exam. He emphasized the need for full isolation, not just a partial rubber dam placement. The rubber dam should be properly placed to ensure good visibility, ease of work, and patient safety. Candidates were reminded that the patient's medical history should be checked to avoid any issues, as there have been past instances where patients experienced difficulty with the rubber dam. It was stressed that proper rubber dam placement is crucial for both preparation and presentation.</p>			

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		<p>Dr. Supit mentioned that candidates will be tested on their probing skills. They will be asked to probe specific areas of the mouth during the case presentation, and the probing should match the charting. This would be part of the evaluation process, so candidates should be aware of the accuracy required when recording and charting probing measurements.</p> <p>Dr. Rapadas wrapped up with a few final details reiterating that candidates should demonstrate their knowledge of probing techniques and show how their recorded measurements align with the actual probing during the exam. While not every candidate may be asked to perform a full perio exam, they will likely be asked to probe specific areas and explain their steps during the process. The board will also be evaluating how candidates interact with the patients, checking for a good chairside manner and professionalism throughout the exam.</p> <p>The candidates were reminded to visit Dr. Ha's clinic to familiarize themselves with the setup before the exam, especially if they plan to bring any assistants or patients. Waivers will be required for all individuals involved in the clinical portion of the exam. It was mentioned that candidates must pass the jurisprudence exam before proceeding with the clinical portion. If they don't pass on the first attempt, a second attempt is allowed. The final advice was to stick to the basics. The exam will focus on foundational dental procedures, so there's no need to overthink it. With preparation, it should be manageable.</p> <p>The exam will be held on February 18th and 19th. Candidates should aim to arrive by 8:00 AM to set up and get started.</p>			
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="506 1308 1402 1349">2. Krystal Mae Aldaca 			
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="506 1349 1402 1378">3. Nikki J. Del Castillo 			

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VIII	Announcements	Next Regular Board Meeting: February 19, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.	GBED	1543	Set Meeting Date
IX	Adjournment	<i>Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Yang; 2nd: Dr. Ha</i>	GBED	1544	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBED Secretary:



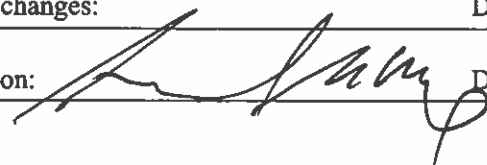
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Approved by the GBED with or without changes:

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